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IUGG Quadrennial Report Overview: Physical Oceanography

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To a great extent, this U.S. physical oceanographic report to IUGG (1979-1982) focuses on advances made in large-scale oceanography. Reviews are presented for the areas of equatorial oceanography, subtropical gyre studies, polar oceanography, mid-latitude variability, and oceanic heat flux. The last topic is a common thread that runs through all the reviews since there is the realization that the ocean is an essential element in determining the climate of the earth. With increased concern over the coastal zone as a region where recreational, commercial energy, and fisheries interests overlap, a great deal of effort has also gone into investigating the oceanography of the continental margins. Since no review of coastal oceanography occurred in the last report, this report has an extensive discussion of what has been learned in the last eight years. The benthic boundary layer, for the same reasons, has received considerable attention, and a review is dedicated to this. What appears as bothersome noise to the investigator of the large scale can be interesting physics in itself. The disciplines of wriggly lines are being put on firm physical basis as discussed in the reviews on small-scale physics and internal waves. In each of these areas advances have come as a result of new instrumentation, new measurements, and new ideas. Often progress has been slowed because of the inability to observe phenomena in their entirety. Remote sensing promises to be a great aid in this respect. The work during the last four years in that area has shown these techniques to be invaluable for studying phenomena from small to large scales. Unfortunately, the main payoff from remote sensing awaits new satellites that use sensors such as the altimeter operationally. In the short overview that follows, no individual works are mentioned. These can be found by reference to the appropriate review.

The main focus in equatorial oceanography has been on low-frequency motions with strong interplay between observations, theory, and modeling. Linear wave theory appears to be capable of describing much of the variability that has been observed whether it be the onset of the Somali Current in the Indian Ocean, seasonal adjustments of the equatorial Atlantic, or the El Niño phenomenon in the Pacific. Local as well as remote responses to wind changes appear to be important. El Niño simulations have been conducted with models using real winds with encouraging results. It has been recognized that the tropical Pacific plays a major role in interannual climate variability. Episodes with monomally warm sea surface temperatures correlate with mid-latitude winter response. Progress is being made on understanding the origin of this sea surface temperature variability and the mechanisms of atmospheric teleconnections to mid-latitudes. Models are being used to simulate actual sea surface temperature distributions. As this is being written, a major warming of the Pacific—perhaps the event of the century—is taking place with global atmospheric manifestations. Many of the ideas developed these past four years will be refined or rejected as will be reported in the next Quadrennial Report.

A main focus of research on mesoscale variability in mid-latitudes has been basin-wide explorations of eddy properties and the search for eddy energy sources. Out of this has developed a zero-order description and rationalization of the eddy field. A dominant

feature of the eddy field is its horizontal inhomogeneity which is related to the pattern of the general circulation. The eddies seem to be generated via instabilities of the strong mean flows and propagate away from these regions. They play an important role in driving recirculations near these strong flows but they don't seem to play a crucial role in the dynamics of the mean flow in the ocean interior. Direct transient wind forcing generates a much lower level of eddy energy activity which is the background signal over most of the subtropical gyre. Eddies can also be generated by instabilities associated with abyssal thermohaline circulations.

With the realization that eddies probably play a minor dynamical role over most of the gyre, a resurgence has occurred in studies of the subtropical gyre. Renewed attention has been paid to collection of new hydrographic sections and analyses of old data. New insights have developed from studies of geochemical tracers. These observations and techniques such as [Grb]-spiral computations and inverse modeling and their application have been used to study the dynamics and structure of the gyres. Theoretical studies were made of the mechanisms by which water is pumped out of mixed layers into the interior and what determines the vertical structure of the gyres. New techniques such as acoustic tomography are being developed to make large-scale integrated measurements.

One motivation for these studies is the realization that at mid-latitudes the poleward oceanic heat transport is comparable to that by the atmosphere. This conclusion was based on indirect estimates obtained both by studies of the surface heat budget of the ocean and from atmospheric and satellite radiation measurements. Such investigations give no information about how these transports occur in the oceans. Recent studies using hydrographic and geochronological data provide in-situ estimates which are comparable with the indirect ones. The errors in these direct calculations are no larger than those associated with the indirect techniques. Also, they give information on the mechanisms of the heat transport in the ocean. Inverse theory has also been used for these computations. New applications of the indirect techniques using larger data sets and computer processing have allowed estimates to be made of the heat transport in each ocean basin.

A major emphasis in Arctic and Antarctic oceanography has been studies of the mechanisms and rates of water mass formation and the effects of deep convection. Rates of ventilation have been determined with the aid of geochemical tracers such as tritium and stable oxygen isotopes. Descriptions of equatorward spreading have been inferred from water mass properties and direct current measurements in deep channels. In the Arctic and Antarctic the processes occurring along the continental margins have been shown to be important in determining the offshore water mass and circulation patterns. Direct measurements in the Drake Passage have put bounds on the transport of the Circumpolar Current. Mesoscale variability, which results from baroclinic instability and fine structure intrusions that occur across fronts, could be major factors in the poleward heat transport. Progress has been made in modeling of sea ice and understanding ocean-ice-glacial ice interactions and how these affect the heat flux to the atmosphere.

Studies along the continental margins of the United States have concentrated primarily on obtaining basic descriptions of the currents and hydrography. Physical factors such as stratification, fresh water inputs, ice, shelf width and depth, local and remote wind forcing, tidal forcing, and proximity to strong offshore currents can all effect circulation patterns. Hence, the circulation on different shelves can be controlled by different processes. For example, the circulation on the outer shelf in the southeastern United States is dominated by eddies from the Gulf Stream. Further north along the Georges Bank, tidal flows and tidal rectification are major factors. By in large, however, wind forcing, whether local or remote, is important on all shelves. Coastally trapped free waves have been identified; hence, local variability does not necessarily correlate with local wind changes. Along the coast of Peru energy from the equatorial wave guide appears to be present. On some shelves the seasonal and monthly mean circulations as well as the low-frequency variability has been established. Bathymetry exerts a strong control, especially on low-frequency motions. This results in along-isobath coherences being much greater than those across the depth contours. Dynamical studies have led to an understanding of some of the dominant balances. Mechanisms that can lead to cross shelf exchanges have been identified; however, no clear picture exists yet as to how important each of these is.

A major problem facing investigators of the benthic boundary layer in 1979 was understanding the specific mechanisms that were important at the top and bottom of the boundary layer. Since then, notable progress has occurred. Specific areas include: (a) pa-

rameterization of distributed roughness on the sea floor; (b) including the effects of stratification due to density and suspended sediment on vertical mixing; (c) understanding wave-current interactions, where the mean current is now parameterized as an increase in apparent roughness; and (d) understanding the effects of biological activity on critical entrainment stresses. A measure of the progress is that all these effects are now routinely incorporated in models of mobile bed flow. This required an understanding and evaluation from field data of the effects of stratification and bed roughness on the scaling parameters, such as z_0 and U^* , that describe the viscous sub-layer and logarithmic regions of the simple boundary layer models. Von Karman's constant is proclaimed to be 0.41.

During the past four years progress has been made in measuring and interpreting small-scale temperature and shear spectra. In the latter case a complete spectrum over wavenumber has been constructed and this shows regions that are consistent with classical ideas of three-dimensional turbulence. The importance of small scale processes in controlling two large-scale processes has been demonstrated. In the equatorial region, the dissipation of kinetic energy above the Equatorial Undercurrent has been shown to occur at the same rate that the zonal pressure gradient puts energy into this flow. In mid-latitudes salt fingering appears to be a factor in controlling the relationship between temperature and salinity. However, the extent of fingering in central waters is still unknown. Nor is it understood why, in general, fingering is less ubiquitous than expected. Sensor development, new measurements, and testing of ideas have gone hand in hand. Progress has resulted from a better understanding of the sensors used for studying the microscale and the interaction between these and the environment. New instruments have been developed that are more reliable and better matched to sampling needs.

Garrett and Munk developed in the seventies a universal deep-ocean spectrum of the internal wave field that described its energy levels and coherence structure. As was true four years ago, observational efforts are still underway to find deviations from this universal spectrum. Not surprisingly, deviations have been found where the model was not meant to apply: near bottom sloping boundaries, islands, the ocean surface, the equator, at the initial frequency, regions where N varies rapidly, and at high frequencies near the spectral roll-off. Theoretical efforts use ideas of weak and strong interactions to obtain stochastic descriptions of the wave field. The validity of the weak-interaction models is being tested. A goal of the theoretical studies is to understand the flow of energy through the wave field and to identify its sources and sinks. This has proven difficult since the waves apparently are unforced most of the time and only slowly receive or lose energy. Although much of the internal wave activity can be described efficiently using statistical measures, some phenomena have dominant frequencies or wavelengths. Work in this category includes observational and model studies of the internal tide and solitary waves which are generated by the internal tide flowing over ridges and sills.

Advances in remote sensing in oceanography have resulted from quantitative use of active and passive sensors for the ocean color, wind stress, sea level, and drifting buoy tracking. A better understanding now exists of the sensors and how they can be used. Emphasis has been on technique application to specific problems. It is believed that sea surface temperature can be determined with an rms error of 0.6°C. Satellite determinations of sea surface temperature are used in operational forecasts and mapping ice from locations and motion. Data from infrared sensors have also been used extensively in pattern recognition studies of the variability of fronts associated with subtropical fronts, the Somali Current, equatorial wave phenomena, western boundary currents, and detached Gulf Stream rings. Ocean color studies have found application in studies of warm core Gulf Stream rings, sediment plumes, and chlorophyll distributions. Studies were conducted of the accuracy and precision of altimeters. The precision is about 5 cm, but accuracy is limited by the problems of not knowing the geoid accurately. Altimeter data has been used to study mesoscale eddy variability, wave and swell height distributions, and determination of wind stress. Most studies have been done with experimental sensors. More general application of these techniques awaits operational sensors.

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News & Announcements

Drilling Reorganizes

As the first in a proposed series of steps that would move scientific ocean drilling from its own niche within the National Science Foundation's (NSF) Directorate for Astronomical, Atmospheric, Earth, and Ocean Sciences (AAEO) into the agency's Division of Ocean Sciences, Grant Gross, division director, has been appointed acting director of the Office of Scientific Ocean Drilling (OSOD). Gross will retain the directorship of the division, which is also part of AAEO. Allen M. Shinn, Jr., OSOD director for nearly 2 years, has been reassigned effective July 10 to a position in NSF's Office of Planning and Resource Management.

The move aims to tie drilling operations more closely to the science with which it is associated, Gross said. This first step is an organizational response to the current leaning toward using a commercial drilling vessel as the drilling platform, he said. Before the market for such commercial drill ships opened (EOS, February 22, 1983, p. 73), other ship options for scientific ocean drilling included refurbishing the aging *Glomar Challenger* or renovating at great expense, the *Glomar Explorer*. A possible next step in the reorganization is to make OSOD the third section within the Ocean Sciences Division. Currently, the division is divided into the Oceanographic, Facilities and Support Section and the Ocean Sciences Research Section.

"I think it is a perfectly appropriate organizational move as the program nears the end of the transition from the Deep Sea Drilling Project to the Advanced Ocean Drilling Program," Shinn told EOS.

The fiscal 1984 budget request for drilling will remain at \$26.3 million, Gross said.

In a separate but related item, Congress has given the green light to the fiscal 1983 budget reprogramming request for scientific ocean drilling; the request was made on May 21 by NSF Director Edward A. Krupp.

House and Senate appropriations committees voted to reprogram \$4.5 million to drilling from unobligated amounts within NSF's fiscal 1983 budget for research and related activities. Two million dollars would go to the completion of the Deep Sea Drilling Project, which is using the *Glomar Challenger*, and the remaining \$2.5 million would be used to initiate site surveys and geophysical work, to start the procurement planning process, and to develop a request for proposals for the selection of a drilling ship in preparation for AODP—BTR

Baker Heads JOI

D. James Baker, Jr., dean of the College of Ocean and Fishery Sciences at the University of Washington in Seattle, has been appointed to a 2-year term as president of the Joint Oceanographic Institutions, Inc. (JOI), a consortium of 10 academic oceanographic institutions. Baker, who has been working part-time in the position since May 15, will begin working full-time as JOI on November 1. Baker will be on leave from his post at the University of Washington while he is at JOI headquarters in Washington, D.C.; an interim dean has not yet been appointed.

Among the tasks Baker envisions for JOI is to work with other groups, including such National Research Council boards as the Board on Ocean Science and Policy (BOSP), on a long-range plan for the use of satellites in oceanography. Baker is a member of BOSP. JOI also plans to submit a proposal on July 15 to the National Science Foundation for the management of the Advanced Ocean Drilling Program (AODP) with Texas A&M University as the scientific operator. A decision on the proposal is expected in early fall, Baker said.

JOI was formed in 1976 to bring the collective capability of individual institutions to bear on large oceanographic research projects. In 1978, JOI began to plan and manage geological and geophysical ocean exploration by the institutions involved in the scientific planning and management of the Deep Sea Drilling Project.—BTR

Meetings

Ocean Surface Studies

A Symposium on Wave Breaking, Turbulent Mixing, and Radio Probing of the Ocean Surface will be held July 19-25, 1984, in Sendai, Japan. New research results in the field of dynamics and satellite measurement of the ocean surface and the related upper ocean processes will be presented at the meeting. Following the meeting, a Workshop on Modeling the Upper Ocean Boundary Layer for the World Climate Research Panel (WCRP) Objectives will be held July 26-27, 1984.

The three major topics to be covered include ocean waves (dynamics, nonlinear waves, wave breaking, and structure of the ocean surface); turbulent mixing in the surface layer of the ocean (physics of ocean mixed layer, response of ocean to atmospheric disturbances, and upper ocean variability); and radio probing of the ocean surface (microwave scatterometry, radiometry, altimetry, SARSLAR, two-frequency radar, and physical processes pertaining to electromagnetic scattering at the sea surface).

Deadline for submission of abstracts is November 1, 1983. Abstracts should be limited to one page and be forwarded to Y. Tobo, Department of Geophysics, Faculty of Science, Tohoku University, Sendai, 980 Japan. The proceedings of the meeting will be published.

Financial support is available for young U.S. scientists who wish to attend the symposium. For additional information on the symposium and on financial support, contact, before November 1, 1983, O. M. Phillips, Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences, The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, MD 21218 (telephone: 301-338-7036).

The Symposium on Wave Breaking, Turbulent Mixing, and Radio Probing of the Ocean Surface is a joint activity of the Committee on Climatic Changes and the Ocean (CCCO) and the Joint Scientific Committee (JSC) for WCRP.

Opinion

Ocean Science Leadership—A Desperate Need That Could Be Met

U.S. ocean science is at a critical stage. Though many exciting discoveries have been made recently, the field has been essentially level funded for several years, costs of operations are increasing faster than inflation, and there is no reasonable expectation for much improvement in the near future. At the same time, new technologies that are "off the shelf" or just over the horizon can provide orders of magnitude increases in precision, rates of data acquisition, and synoptic ocean-basin-scale and even global-scale coverage of ocean phenomena. The use of these technologies (for a price) would result in substantial advances in understanding fundamental oceanographic problems (such as the global ocean circulation) during the next decade. Several large-scale, regional programs to start this process are on the drawing boards or in advanced stages of planning. Clearly, there are more ideas for utilizing the talents of our nation's oceanographers than there are reasonably obtainable funds or talent to undertake them.

Under these circumstances, there are three

obvious scenarios: (1) In the absence of a strong signal from the community as to its major priorities, all of the plans and programs will be stretched out, a few will be partially implemented, and time will run out on others that require the development of essential tools such as satellites; or (2) in the absence of a clear signal from the community, decisions will be made from outside that will determine the success or failure of programs based more on political, economic, and social implications than on scientific merit; or (3) the community will rally around a leader or a group that will play a major role in establishing priorities that are based primarily on scientific need.

In the 1960s, when U.S. oceanography was growing rapidly, the National Academy of Sciences (NAS) Committee on Oceanography (NASCO) and the federal agency Interagency Committee on Oceanography (ICO) provided a remarkably effective mechanism for guiding the development of U.S. oceanography. With the three "giants" of our field in those days—Roger Revelle, Maurice Ewing, and Columbus Isen—on NASCO, a consensus could be reached fairly quickly as to the needs and priorities (a consensus that was welcomed by the ICO and leaders in Congress), and Revelle, Ewing, and Isen could go back to their laboratories and tell their principal investigators where and how the future would develop. However, after 10 years of rapid growth, U.S. oceanography came of age, and the early simplicity that many of us remember fondly disappeared. The U.S. Hydrographic Office became the U.S. Oceanographic Office and national leadership was assumed by the Stratton Commission in a group with much broader interests and concerns than ocean science. Later, we had a National Advisory Committee for Oceans and Atmosphere combining ocean and atmosphere interests and retaining the breadth of overview inherited from the Stratton Commission.

Oceanography had become too important for oceanographers and, in addition to attracting substantial amounts of support, attracted the attention and participation of lawyers, economists, sociologists, and politicians. I'm not suggesting that inputs from a broad segment of our nation are not appropriate. Clearly, it is the use of oceanographic knowledge that justifies the support of basic research by federal agencies with applied missions and the importance of maintaining and increasing the scientific basis for additional knowledge that justifies NSF's major role in the support of oceanographic research. However, the fact is that with the maturity of our field and the growing awareness of its importance to our nation, the leadership that once spoke for oceanography as the science for understanding how the oceans work became submerged and diffused.

The NAS Committee on Oceanography reflected that process up to a point. Starting as a science oriented group in 1957, NASCO broadened into an Ocean Affairs Board from 1973 through 1975 but then refocused as an Ocean Sciences Board from 1976 through 1982. Now, combined with the Ocean Policy Committee as the Board on Ocean Science and Policy (BOSP), it is back again to something equivalent to the old Ocean Affairs Board.

Over the 25 year span that started with NASCO, there have been several notable successes (and a few fizzes) but nothing as successful as the set of reports under the banner "Oceanography 1960 to 1970" that provided a comprehensive overview of the major ocean science problems that needed to be addressed and the ships, laboratories, manpower, and funds (laid out in a 10-year schedule of development) needed to do the job. Perhaps a similar overview of our field will not be produced again. However, I believe that it can be done and that such a review is necessary if our community is to come close to realizing the achievements that are possible during the next decade. The task will certainly be harder than it was in the late 1950s, but it can be done if (1) BOSP decides that this task is its most important and primary reason for existence; (2) BOSP prepares a plan to undertake this task that broadly involves the entire oceanographic community (by correspondence, workshops, etc.) as much as is feasible; (3) the community (perhaps aided by The Oceanography Report (TOR) of EOS) agrees that BOSP leadership in undertaking such a

study is needed; and (4) the community participates generously in the work that must be done. I call upon TOR readers to express their views on this issue to BOSP members.

Dick Vetter

Dick Vetter, former Executive Secretary of NASCO, can be contacted in care of the Marine Technology Society, 1730 M Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20036.

BOSP Members

The new Board on Ocean Science and Policy (BOSP) (EOS, June 7, 1983, p. 402) met for the first time on May 4, John B. Slaughter, former director of the National Science Foundation and now chancellor of the University of Maryland in College Park, is the board's chairman. Other board members are D. James Baker, Jr. (University of Washington, Seattle); Kirk Bryan (Geophysical Fluid Dynamics Laboratory, Princeton University); John P. Craven (University of Hawaii); Charles L. Drake (Dartmouth College); Paul M. Fye (Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution); Edward D. Goldberg (Sciences Institution of Oceanography); G. Ross Heath (Oregon State University); Judith T. Kidlow (Massachusetts Institute of Technology); John A. Knauss (University of Rhode Island); James J. McCarthy (Museum of Comparative Zoology, Harvard University); H. William Menard (Stripp Institution of Oceanography); C. Barry Raleigh (Lamont-Doherty Geological Observatory); Roger Revelle (University of California, San Diego); David A. Ross (Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution); Brian J. Rothschild (University of Maryland); William M. Sackett (University of South Florida); John H. Steele (Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution); and Carl Wunsch (MIT). Wallace Broecker (Lamont-Doherty Geological Observatory), an original board member, resigned after the last meeting. Broecker told EOS that combining the science and policy boards resulted in a new board whose mission is too broad. A new board member will be appointed in Broecker's place.—BTR

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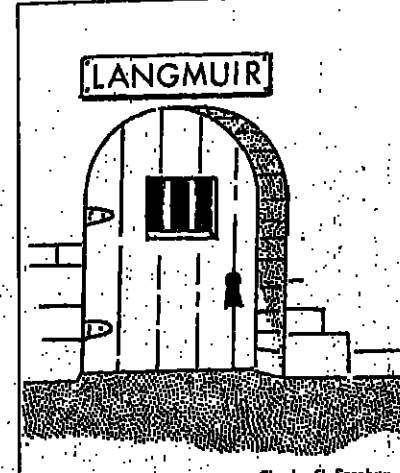
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Thus, in a qualitative manner, I could follow without hesitation the track they had developed. However, in a quantitative manner, there remained many unsolved technical problems at that time concerning the generation of very high pressure, temperature measurements at high pressure, and pressure determination at high temperature. For instance, Francis Birch commented on the uncertainty of high-pressure research in his very famous JGR paper in 1952 as follows.

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This large volume equipment made it possible not only to carry out research on the various physical properties of minerals and rocks under high pressure and high temperature but also to synthesize many specimens of these high-pressure minerals. It was a great pleasure for me to come into an international collaboration with many distinguished scientists throughout the world by supplying them the samples of high-pressure minerals.

Through these collaborations, a number of new devices were developed in my laboratory. For example, the necessities of high quality single crystals of high-pressure minerals for Brillouin scattering measurements stimulated the development of a new technique in crystal growth under high pressure. I would like to emphasize here that the development of new techniques and devices in research in extreme environments always opens a new research field. This is particularly true in high-pressure geophysics research. Successful synthesis of single crystals of high-pressure minerals led to a remarkable advancement in crystal chemistry. The diamond-anvil cell developed by U.S. high-pressure researchers literally opened a window to understanding the deep interior of the earth.

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